

Beto Honored with Defensor Pacem Medal

Dan R. Beto, retired founding director of the Correctional Management Institute of Texas, has been named the 2010 recipient of the Defensor Pacem Medal given annually by Sam Houston State University's College of Criminal Justice to an individual or organization that has provided invaluable assistance to the criminal justice field.



While Beto began his career in institutional corrections, most of his career was devoted to community corrections. His career spanned more than 40 years in community corrections as a juvenile probation officer in Texas, United States probation and parole officer, and community supervision and corrections department director.

Beto was elected to two terms as president of the Texas Probation Association and served as the editor of Texas Probation for numerous years. He also served as president of the National Association of Probation Executives.

He currently serves as editor of National Association of Probation Executives' "Executive Exchange," president of Beto Strategic Partners; and a senior fellow of the Canadian Training Institute.

A loyal alumnus, Beto earned a bachelor's degree in sociology and master's degree in criminology and corrections from SHSU. He and his wife, Donna, have established several scholarships to offer financial assistance to students in need.

Harrison County CSCD to Host 2nd Regional Training for Juvenile Probation and CSCD Personnel

Darwyn Cooper, Director of the Harrison County CSCD has decided to host another regional training event for juvenile probation and CSCD personnel. The training which has been scheduled for August 25-26, 2010 at the Center for Applied Technology in Marshall, Texas.

Mel Brown and Associates will be providing the training for the event. MBA is currently contacting directors of juvenile probation departments and CSCDs in the Northeast Texas region to determine what topics they would like to see on the agenda for the training. Suggestions for topics may be emailed to rmorte@melbrown.org.

This will be the second regional training event at the Center for Applied Technology hosted by the Harrison County CSCD. The March 24, 2010 training sessions were provided by MBA. The morning session focused on "Implementing Evidence Based Practices in Community Corrections" and the afternoon session consisted of "Thinking Outside the Box: A Path to Creative Problem Solving."

New Wharton/Matagorda Counties CSCD Director Secures Technical Assistance Grant from NIC

Roxane Marek, director of Wharton and Matagorda Counties CSCD, has sought assistance from the National Institute of Corrections (NIC), to secure technical assistance in implementing evidence based practices in her department.

Marek has requested short term technical assistance to help her "with managing a changing organizational culture, identifying gaps in service, and the development of a strategic plan."

NIC selected Cindy McCoy, director of Grant County Correctional Services in Marion, Indiana, to provide on-site assistance in facilitating the beginning of a strategic planning process for the CSCD. McCoy is to assist the CSCD with initial orientation to evidence based practices, help Marek develop a formal strategic planning process to guide evidence based implementation and to address concerns related to risk assessment and case management based on risk.

NIC also agreed to provide Marek with an Executive Coach. Marek tapped Dr. Mel Brown, President and CEO of MBA, as the person she wanted to coach her.

Brown has earned coaching credentials from Corporate Coach University and the renowned Val Hastings School of Professional and Personal Coaching--two of the top coaching schools in the country.

Brown has served as a chief probation officer for both juvenile and adult probation services, has taught criminal justice courses as an adjunct faculty member in three different universities and has had numerous articles published in state and national publications.

Marek stated that as a probation executive she has found the executive coaching services extremely beneficial to her and her department.

Polk County CSCD to Host Regional Training for Juvenile Probation and CSCD Personnel

Kieth Barrett, Director of the CSCD serving Polk, Trinity and San Jacinto Counties has announced that his department plans to host a regional training event for juvenile and adult probation departments located in southeast Texas.

Barrett is currently looking at two different locations in Livingston as possible sites. The training will be scheduled for September 23 and 24 or 24 and 25, depending on the availability of the potential sites.

Directors of juvenile probation departments and CSCDs in southeast Texas will be contacted by MBA to secure input regarding topics they would like to see presented.

Mike Griffiths, Director of the Dallas County Juvenile Probation Department retired effective April 30.

Charles M. Skaggs, Director of the Williamson County Juvenile Probation Department in Georgetown is retiring at the end of May.

New directors include Shelli Berry, Hood County JPD; Camilla Blum, Reeves County JPD; Jan Davis, Kerr County CSCD; Jason Davis, Kerr County JPD; Pedro Dominquez, Deaf Smith County JPD; Fred Farley, Hunt County JPD; Darron Forehand, Harrison County JPD; Andrew Jackson, Hale County CSCD; Luis Leija, Calhoun County JPD; Sheri Phelps, Liberty-Chambers County CSCD; Carmen Phillips, Bell County JPD; Ron Quiros, Guadalupe County JPD; Darrin Ray, Ellis County JPD; Debra Roberts, Fannin County CSCD; Edward Salazar, San Patricio County JPD; James Schmidt, Jim Wells County JPD; Brian Swick, Limestone County JPD; Victoria Trinidad, Guadalupe CSCD; and Miguel Ureta, Jr., Permian Basin CSCD.

Training Corner

Correctional Management Institute of Texas

Sixth Annual Sex Offender Management

Conference, Corpus Christi, Texas, June 20 – 23
Contact: Amanda Bilnowski (936) 294-1227 or bilnoski@shsu.edu.



Criminal Justice Leadership Program

Mayan Ranch, May 24-28, 2010 Contact Joe Serio, (936) 294-1705 or jdserio@shsu.edu.

Juvenile Supervision (Detention) Officer Basic, Georgetown, Texas, June 15-18. Contact Vanessa Farmer 936/294-1639 or vfarmer@shsu.edu.

Texas Probation Association

Legislative Conference, San Antonio, August 15-18. Contact Robin Dulock, 936/294-3073 dulock@shsu.edu.



Texas Corrections Association

2010 Conference and Exhibition, Galveston, June 6-9. Contact Chuck Space 512/346-5820 or info@txcorrections.org.



Mel Brown and Associates

Northeast Texas Regional Training for Juvenile Adult Probation hosted by Harrison County CSCD August 25-26. Contact Renea Morte, 936-273-0919 or rmorte@melbrown.org.



MBA Provides Coaching/Mentoring Services

Why would I want a coach?

Most great athletes have had a coach who mentored them to their level of success and excellence. Most successful entrepreneurs have had advisors who have done the same. They realize the value of having experienced, objective guidance to help them reach their true potential. There are a number of reasons a person might choose to get a coach. Some reasons are

- Being a new administrator who would like to have an experienced individual to whom they can go for guidance,
- Being highly stressed and facing potential burnout,
- Being in a highly conflicting situation,
- Having a desire to enhance their performance as a leader,
- Getting assistance in acquiring organization skills in preparation for leadership positions,
- Getting some assistance in how to better use their strengths,
- To assist in holding them accountable to their goals and plans, or
- Getting someone to help them establish their priorities and remind them of what those priorities are when they lose track.

What is an Executive Coach?

An Executive Coach is a trusted guide with whom you can share your hopes and aspirations in confidence that he/she will meet your needs by moving effortlessly between persistent motivator, stern taskmaster, and management strategy guru, propelling you toward your personal and professional dreams.

Why Should I Choose Mel Brown as My Executive Coach?

In addition to being credentialed as a coach by Corporate Coach University, Inc. and by the renowned Val Hasting School of Professional and Personal Coaching, two of the top coaching schools in the country, Mel Brown

- has 40 years experience in the field of criminal justice,
- has served as Director of both juvenile and adult probation departments,
- is a recognized leader in the field of criminal justice,
- has served as a member of the Commission on Accreditation for Corrections,
- has served as an adjunct faculty member in the College of Criminal Justice at Sam Houston State University, the Criminal Justice Department at The University of Texas at Arlington and in the College of Juvenile Justice and Psychology at Prairie View A&M University; and
- has been approved by the National Institute of Corrections as an Executive Coach.

**For information regarding coaching services, contact
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